

Appl. No. 09/981,789  
Amdt. Dated December 1, 2003  
Reply to Office action of October 1, 2003  
Attorney Docket No. P13685-US1  
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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

#### **1.) Examiner Objections**

The Examiner objected to certain paragraphs of the specification for various informalities, and suggested changes to certain claims to improve the form of the claims in a non-limiting manner. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, the Applicant has amended the specification and claims.

The Examiner also asked, with respect to the paragraphs at page 8, line 10 and page 10, line 14, whether the term "sprung" should be "spring." The term "sprung" is the correct technical term and, therefore, the Applicant has not so amended those paragraphs.

#### **2.) Allowable Subject Matter**

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1, 5-7 and 9-17 are allowable.

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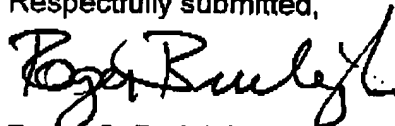
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### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all objections and issue a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1, 5-7 and 9-17.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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